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### COAST DEFENSE VITAL

We are rather impressed with the statement of Gen. Beach that our coast defense is vital, and that with proper guns "only a foolhardy enemy would risk his ships in an attack."

"Permanently located and concealed fixed guns," he said, "suffer practically no damage from hostile naval fire, according to results observed in the late war," and that the efficiency of guns on shore against guns on ships "was overwhelming."

While the cost would be high there is absolutely no use to omit preparation against attack. We would much rather see money spent in preparing against attack than see it spent in transporting the youth of the land to every quarter of the globe for every conceivable duty from police on up. We are strongly of the opinion that Americans, from the fair-haired youth to the older men with hair streaked with grey, if properly equipped, can repel any enemy which proposes invasion. And, knowing our preparedness and the disposition of our people to fight viciously for their country and liberty, we have no idea that an enemy, unless absolutely devoid of reason, would attempt a landing on our shores.

There is practically no defense of our important points now, although the naval board of review urged it five years ago, and it is to be hoped that the coming administration will see to it that proper defenses are made.

The better plan would be disarmament and expenditure of money on the roads of the country. But as long as reputedly christian nations cannot treat one another in a christianlike way and there are hordes of heathen in the world national defense must be maintained.

Tom Watson, in a speech at Harlem, Ga., on the league of nations nonsense, said: "In the name of the Creator that made us when and where is this Wilsonian madness to stop?" It has been stopped, Mr. Watson, stopped by the people of this country in popular vote Nov. 2, 1920. And it has only 90 more days to exist.

We would like to see an organization of the gentlemen of this county purchase a tract of deforested mountain land and fence it for range for their cattle during the summer, so as to prevent the great losses now sustained by estrays.

## TO HELP SCHOOLS

The next legislature will see an earnest effort made to assist the schools of Tennessee, and a program of proposed school legislation has been prepared by a conference of Tennessee citizens on education as follows:

Congress will be asked to pass the Smith-Turner Bill in aid of state education.

The 5-cent elementary school tax will be divided, one-third going to schools in counties having less than 140 days of school.

Elementary certificates shall be granted teachers only after the completion of high school work, after July 1, 1922, on one year's attendance; after July 1, 1923, on two year's attendance, and so on for four years.

High School Certificates after July 1, 1922, shall be issued only upon completion of four-year high school course. After July 1, 1923 and 1924, on completion of at least one or two years, respectively, of college or normal school work.

This amendment is not to interfere with existing certificates or reject applicants where high school advantages do not exist.

To provide by a special one-half mill tax that each county shall be paid \$400 a year for each college or normal school graduate employed, \$200 for each high school graduate employed, and \$100 for each teacher holding a first-grade certificate, not in the preceding two classes.

It is proposed to place the election of the Board of Education in the power of the county court, one for each of the five school districts, and two at large. This board shall employ a county superintendent at a minimum salary of \$1500, of which half is paid by the state. This superintendent shall be employed for four years, and act as secretary of the board. Certificates will be demanded from applicants for superintendent of schools, based without examination on the qualifications required for first-class professional high school certificates or with examination on two-years' course in college or normal school work.

It has been said that the election of superintendent of schools by popular vote has placed the office "in politics." With election by a county court of the board which elects the superintendent, the party who is a schemer will merely begin at the bottom rung of the ladder to climb up by picking for members of the court only those who are "friendly," so we fail to see any advantage in changing this part of the law, and it might as well remain by popular vote, only telling specifically when a superintendent of schools should be elected as Marion county law at present is rather misty over the matter.

The rest of the proposed changes look pretty good for more school money, and with the increase of poll taxes owing to the women having to come across with poll taxes beginning Jan. 1, 1921, an abundant fund for schools should accrue. However, one thing is certain, a surer way to collect poll taxes in non-election years should be secured, as the unpaid poll tax is merely polite robbing of school money, for the poll tax is the big pivot on which rests the superstructure of the school fund of the state.

Get the Christmas spirit and do your shopping early and often and patronize the home merchant who asks your trade.

## EXCHANGES RETURNING.

We welcome the Sparta News to our exchange table. Time was when the News had a valued list of exchanges, but when the crowd at Washington now, thank goodness! about moribund, decided it must have all the paper in order to win the war, orders were given publishers to cut off all exchanges over forty miles away. The result was we have had the company of only a limited number of the fraternity. It was a great paper-saving movement, worthy of the brain of the clan, but we noticed the great city dailies that cut off their lists—the subscriptions were generally paid for in advertising space—were extremely anxious to send their publications at subscriptions for cash, but, of course we couldn't do so for two reasons. One was want of cash, for we were giving about everything we got to one thing and another to "win the war", and the other was that immediately we did so we would be using the very paper that it was so necessary to save. So we skimped and saved and worked while the gang at Washington wasted, destroyed and squandered. But now the familiar exchanges are timidly coming back and we are glad of it, for it means recovery from the terrifying times of the past.

The Dunlap Tribune seems to be a bad loser. Possibly if it were threatened with arrest, a \$10,000 fine and 20 years in the penitentiary a few times it would get over its youthful exuberance for democracy.

Wonder how much longer the merchants of this county are going to let the mail order houses swipe their business for want of advertising regularly and systematically?

Harding—the man who took the "mock" out of democracy.

Do your part for better business by keeping on striving.

### Put Him Up.

Walter Cameron, of South Pittsburg, is slated as Joe Brown's opponent for 1922. It will be some warm race from start to finish and Joe will find that "Walt" is no sleeper on the job.—Dunlap Tribune.

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by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surface. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system.  
We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Catarrhal Deafness that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Circulars free. All Druggists, Inc.  
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## The Village Blacksmith

By Henry W. Longfellow

Under a spreading chestnut tree  
The village smithy stands;  
The smith a mighty man is he,  
With large and sinewy hands,  
And the muscles of his brawny arms  
Are strong as iron bands.  
His hair is crisp and black and long;  
His face is like the tan;  
His face is wet with honest sweat,  
He earns whate'er he can,  
And looks the whole world in the face,  
For he owes not any man.

Week in, week out, from morn till night,  
You can hear his bellows blow;  
You can hear him swing his heavy sledge  
With measured beat and slow.  
Like a sexton ringing the village bell,  
When the evening sun is low.  
And the children coming home from school  
Look in at the open door—  
They love to see the flaming force  
And hear the bellows roar,  
And catch the gleaming sparks that fly  
Like chaff from a threshing floor.

He goes on Sunday to the church,  
And sits amongst his boys;  
He hears the parson pray and preach;  
He hears his daughter's voice  
Singing in the village choir  
And it makes his heart rejoice;  
It sounds to him like her mother's voice  
Singing in paradise,  
He needs must think of her once more,  
How in the grave she lies,  
And with his hard, rough hand he wipes  
A tear from out his eyes.

Toiling, rejoicing, sorrowing,  
Onward through life he goes;  
Each morning sees some task begun,  
Each evening sees its close;  
Something attempted, something done,  
Has earned a night's repose.  
Thanks, thanks to thee, my worthy friend,  
For the lesson thou hast taught;  
Thus at the flaming forge of life,  
Our fortunes must be wrought;  
Thus on its sounding anvil shaped  
Each burning deed, each thought.

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